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CRITICAL TEST FOR M. FAURE
20 Confidence Votes Involved

Paris, Feb. 28. Premier Edgar Faure's Government faces its most critical test tonight. The unprecedented number of 20 confidence votes will be taken on the 1952 Budget Bill.

Reliable Parliamentary quarters believe that Gaullists and Communists and about 30 Moderate Conservatives and Radicals, altogether about 250 Deputies, will line up against the Government, and probably Popular Republicans and Socialists and about 50 Moderate Conservatives and Radicals, altogether about 270, will support it.

Thus the Government's life might depend on the vote of about 100 Moderate Conservatives and Radicals in this crucial endeavour to balance a record Budget of 3,020,000 million francs to fulfil the French contribution to Western defence.

Appealing to Moderate Conservatives and Radicals, who pledged themselves at the General Elections last summer to oppose any tax increases, M. Faure has said that France "had to foot the bill" to meet its obligations towards the Western defence effort and because Parliament had already committed itself on expenditure to Western defence.

M. Faure has also tried hard to obtain Socialist support by dropping a Budget which would have slowed down capital expenditure and reconstruction in France and saved the Government 50,000 million francs.

ISSUES AT STAKE

M. Faure agreed this question would be considered later.

The first of the confidence votes are unlikely to be taken before 2 a.m., GMT (10 a.m. Friday, Hongkong time) or 3 a.m., GMT (11 a.m. Friday, Hongkong time), but the final debate will start at 8 p.m.

Four of the votes are on proposals for economies in operating the state railways to limit their deficit. Then come two votes (five and six) to reduce the deficit of the Social Security organisation, of which the key vote is to increase employers' contributions by one per cent.

Ten votes will follow (7-10) on increase of taxation, tightening up tax control and suppressing fraud.

Of these ten, the two key votes provide for a 15 per cent increase in most taxes and a six per cent increase in the Companies Profits tax.

Then there will be two further votes on taxation, one (17) a proposal to reduce taxes on company stocks which left-wing Deputies oppose.

The other (18) is highly controversial because it proposes quicker payment of taxes.

Finally, two more votes: One (19) to approve the total of military credits amounting to 1,270,000 million francs; the other (20) to approve the whole of the present Bill.

The total military expenditure is 1,400,000 million francs, of which 130,000 million are covered by civil expenditure.—Reuter.

TREATY RATIFIED

Canberra, Feb. 28. The bill ratifying the Japanese Peace Treaty passed all stages in the House of Representatives early today amid scenes of wild disorder.

The Opposition Labour Party fought the bill up to the end, but Labour moves to have the bill postponed for six months to allow a public referendum on it failed.—Reuter.

Angry Family Protest GI's Prison Sentence

Alloway, New Jersey, Feb. 28. The angry family and friends of a 19-year-old soldier today accused the Army of sentencing him to 10 years in prison for falling asleep on guard duty in Korea after he had gone without sleep for three days.

Corsey McConnell, mother of Warren McConnell, said the way his son explained the incident in a letter after the court martial convinced him the Army was being too harsh.

Neighbors of the McConnells met at a rally in the local courthouse, called the father fully and demanded a full explanation from the Army.

In Washington, an Army spokesman said the private was given a fair trial and convicted by court martial on December 10 of sleeping at his post in the front lines on November 14.

The soldier, who is serving his sentence in Lompoc, California, appealed to the U.S. Military Court of Appeals within 30 days. The sentence was upheld by the Army Judge Advocate General Board of Review on February 6.—Associated Press.

VIRUS-CARRYING SUSPECT FOUND

Vancouver, B.C., Feb. 28. A strong force of insurgents overran the Central Burma town of Myingyan today and looted the Treasury before being driven out by government forces. They took the District Superintendent of Police and his family as hostages.

The town's garrison, returning from an operation outside Myingyan, killed 20 of the rebels. While they were in the town, in Burma's main cotton-growing district southwest of Mandalay, the rebels freed rebel prisoners from the town gaol.

—United Press.

Attlee Explains Secret Korea War Agreement

"NO DEPARTURE FROM GENERAL POLICY"

London, Feb. 28. The former Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, tonight told the story of Britain's secret agreement to sanction attacks on Chinese airfields if they were used for heavy air attacks on United Nations forces in Korea.

Mr Attlee hoped with his story to smother the bomb which the Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, tossed into the Labour Party ranks two days ago when Mr Churchill revealed that the Labour government agreed to allow attacks outside the Korean theatre.

The announcement already had been a severe blow to the former Foreign Secretary, Mr Herbert Morrison, within the Party and a boost for the Party's Left Wing leader, Mr Aneurin Bevan. Mr Attlee's revelation threatened to blow Labour Party unity

CURFEW IN THREE PI TOWNS

Sequel To Murders

Manila, Feb. 29. Armed forces will impose a curfew on three towns in Huk-ruled Pampanga province in Central Luzon, beginning tonight, in an effort to stop killings and kidnappings in that area, a Defence Department spokesman said today.

VIEWPOINT SHARED

"From time to time, questions arise as to the conduct of operations in the Korean theatre of war and these were the subject of correspondence. Among them was the question of what action should be taken in the event of heavy air attacks being launched against the forces of the United Nations by aircraft from bases on the far side of the Yalu River. It was represented that where attacks of this kind took place it was unreasonable that the general officer commanding should be precluded from attacking these airfields."

The curfew order, issued by Defence Secretary, Mr Ramon Magsaysay, affects the cities of Angeles, Magalang and Mexico, where Hukas were believed to be mingling with the peaceful population. The curfew will be from 6 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Meanwhile, Allied and Communist sub-delegates met for the first time in 23 days yesterday to wrestle with the prisoner exchange deadlock. At 11 a.m. Rear-Admiral R. E. Libby picked up where the Allied colonels had left off in the word war over the United Nations principle favouring voluntary repatriation—one of the three major obstacles to an armistice agreement.

DRAFT COMPLETED

The "pick and shovel" technicians of both sides yesterday completed a three-language draft embodying seven and a half points already agreed upon in 91 days of bargaining, but they parted on bitter terms.

SUFFICIENT TROOPS

The Defence Department spokesman said it was not considered necessary to impose a curfew on San Fernando, the provincial capital, "because we have enough troops there."

Mr Magsaysay, meanwhile, left his residence at Camp Murphy early today to meet an unidentified top-ranking Huk leader from Laguna province at an undisclosed rendezvous.

The Huk leader, who is reported to have influence over some 8,000 dissidents, came to Manila on a secret mission from the Secretary obtained by Congressman Estanislao Fernandez of Laguna. The Secretary and the Huk leader are scheduled to discuss the amnesty for Hukas proposed by Mr Fernandez in a resolution filed recently in the House of Representatives.

Mr Fernandez told the United Press 95 per cent of the Hukas in Laguna province were willing to accept an amnesty.—United Press.

Insurgents Loot Treasury

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—United Press.

Fire Aboard Ship

South Portland, Feb. 28.

The British collier Loderstone reported a fire aboard 50 miles south of Sea Island, Nova Scotia, today but the Coast Guard said it was in no immediate danger.

The Coast Guard cutter Yukon left for the stricken vessel, which radioed for aid. The 415-foot Loderstone sailed yesterday from St John, New Brunswick, for England.—United Press.

Hawkers Return



"Whatever you want, Johnny, I've got," cries out the kerbside seller as rifle-carrying troops gather round in the hope of picking up a bargain. Absent since the abrogation of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty, these Arab hawkers have returned to Fayid village. Wherever the British Serviceman in these parts goes his rifle is with him, as on shopping expeditions such as this.—London Express.

Japanese Refuse To Surrender

Soldier Stragglers Stay On Island

Manila, Feb. 29. Nobuhiko Jimbo, former colonel in the Japanese army, complained for Tokyo at 9:30 a.m. today after making a fruitless attempt to persuade Japanese army holdouts on Lubang Island to surrender.

Jimbo, who served here during the occupation and saved the life of President Roxas, flew low over Lubang Island, some 80 miles southwest of Manila Bay, last week-end and appealed to the holdouts through a loudspeaker. He also dropped leaflets urging them to surrender and be repatriated.

There was no response from the estimated 15-20 stragglers on the island.

Jimbo came here in an unofficial capacity.

Two Japanese newspapermen will soon make an attempt to persuade the men to surrender.

The Defence Department spokesman said Hitoshi Yamamoto of the Matsunichi and Yutaku Tsui of the Asahi would go to Southern Luzon today to receive instructions before proceeding to Lubang. They will take over where Nobuhiko left off.—United Press.

US POLICY SHARPLY CRITICISED

Washington, Feb. 28. In response to questioning on Far Eastern policy, Mr Owen Lattimore today characterised Chiang Kai-shek's Chinese Nationalist Government as a "driftwood government on the beaches of Formosa."

Mr Lattimore charged in testimony which he called an "open conspiracy"—was using "intimidation tactics" to get the United States government to give "all-out aid" to Chiang.

Mr Lattimore called support of the Chiang government's aim to take in policy and asserted that the State Department had become the "captive of its critics".

"The drift of policy in the last couple of years shows that the State Department, while protesting it is following its own policy, is in fact following the policy of its most intemperate critics," he said.—United Press.

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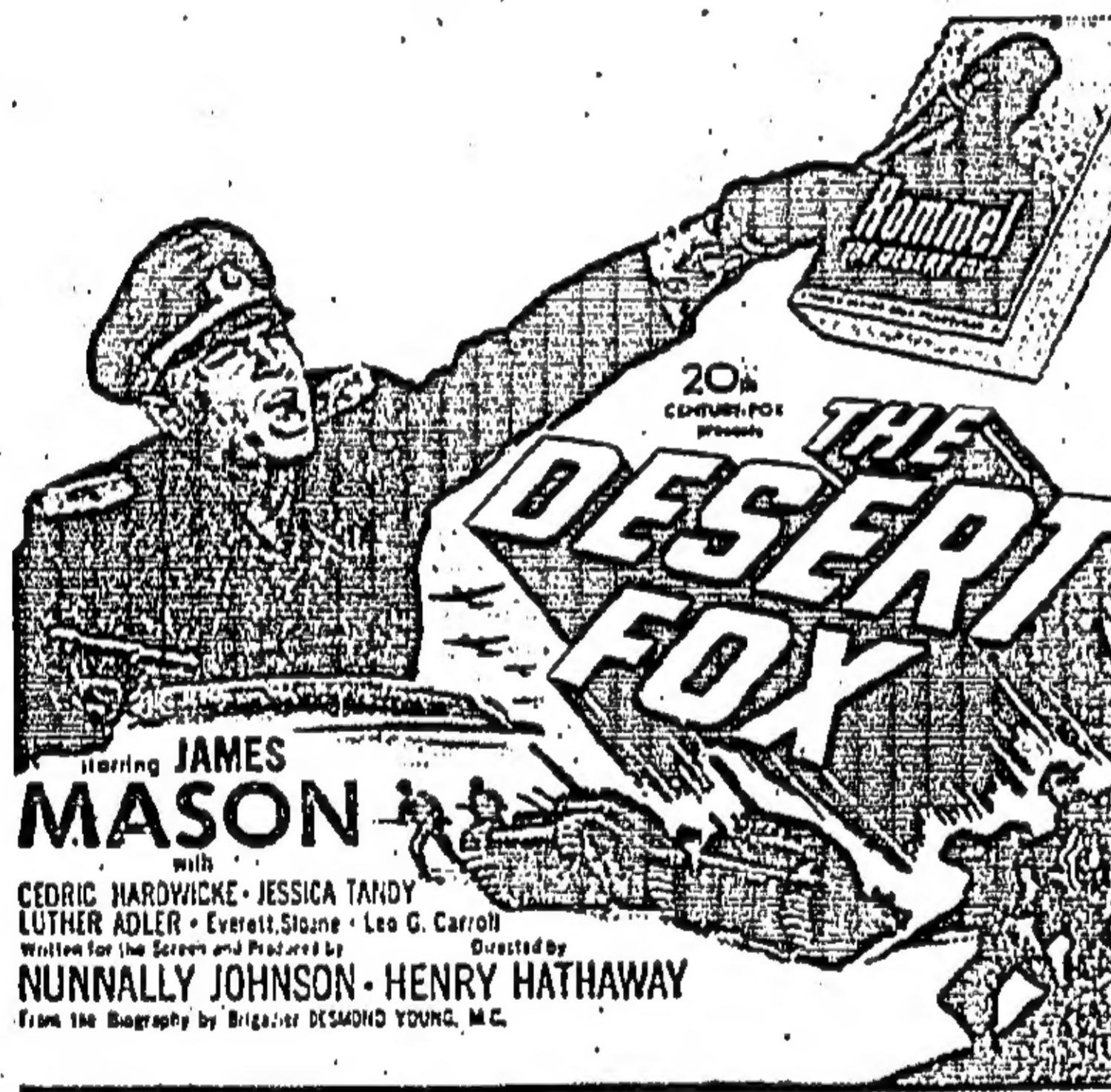
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At Least 18 Atomic Tests This Year

New York, Feb. 28.—American authorities estimate that the number of atomic explosions this year will exceed 18, according to columnist Robert B. Allen.

It was known that Russia planned further atomic tests this year, he said in an article, while Britain would conduct atomic tests in Australia.

The coming American atomic tests on the Pacific atoll of Eniwetok will be directly related to the development of the cataclysmic hydrogen bomb, Mr. Allen said.

"United States scientists have definitely established that the weapon can be produced," he added.—Reuter.

GERMANY ASKS FOR LENIENCY

War Debts Issue

London, Feb. 28.—West Germany today pleaded the cost of her contribution towards peace in Europe as a reason for lenient treatment by her creditors.

Hermann J. Abs, leader of the West German delegation to a 28-nation conference which began here today to settle Germany's external debts, said that Germany was hard hit by the war and this must be taken into account in assessing her paying capacity.

Pre-war German debts are unofficially calculated at about \$250,000,000 and the post-war total is estimated at \$3,800,000,000 more. West Germany has assumed responsibility for all Germany's pre-war debts in return for a big cut in post-war claims by America, France and Britain.

The chief American delegate, Mr. Warren Lee Pierson, said, "France, the United Kingdom and the United States have offered to make unprecedentedly liberal concessions with respect to Germany's obligations, but they have imposed as a condition for such concessions that a fair and equitable settlement be worked out for holders of pre-war obligations of Germany."

"As the Steering Committee considers the burden and sacrifices to be placed on the debtors and creditors under the debt settlement it must also keep constantly in mind the heavy burden which will be placed on the United Kingdom, French and United States taxpayers."

The conference set up a Steering Committee and a Creditors Committee. It will decide the composition of the two Committees at another plenary session tomorrow.—Reuter.

BRITISH MOTOR CORPORATION

London, Feb. 28.—A new company, which will produce half of Britain's motorcars, was named today the British Motor Corporation. Into it will be merged the assets of Morris Motors and the Austin Motor Company, amounting to £66 million.

The merger, announced last October, has as its object the promotion of more efficient production and an increase in exports. The chairman of the new company is the 74-year-old millionaire-philanthropist, Lord Nuffield.—Reuter.

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New Effort To Solve Impasse Over POW Exchange In Korea

Munsan, Feb. 29.—Full-fledged armistice delegates take over the problem of prisoner exchange today where their "working level" staff officers gave up after exhausting talks.

A sub-committee of one member from the Allied and Communist truce delegations face the task of breaking the deadlock over the United Nations proposal to allow prisoners to say whether they want to be returned.

Allied negotiators have pressed for voluntary repatriation since they began discussion of the fourth agenda.

The Communists have insisted that their prisoners be sent back regardless of their wishes.

In advance of the sub-committee session at Panmunjom, there was little to encourage hope that the two star officers on the sub-committee could succeed speedily where the staff officers failed in 22 days of discussion.

The meeting, at 11:00 a.m., brings to the conference table Rear-Admiral C. Turner Joy on the Allied side to face North Korean Major-General Lee Sang Cho for the first time since Feb. 1.

Due to meet at the same time in an adjoining tent were opposing staff officers working on terms for safeguarding a truce, the third item on the armistice agenda.

The major dispute in this tent stems from the Communist insistence—and Allied opposition—to Russia as one of the neutral nations, to help police a Korean armistice.

PORTS OF ENTRY

Also before the staff officers was the question of the number of ports of entry behind the lines on each side that are to be inspected by neutral nation teams.

The arguments in this tent on Thursday were the same as they have been for days and Allied officers reported gloomily afterward that no headway was made.

On the question of Russia, the Reds said their position was firm and would continue to be so.

On the number of rear area ports, the Reds held out for five on each side against the six sought by the UN Command.

Staff officers working on prisoner of war exchange reached agreement on almost all paragraphs of the draft for this agenda item but they left the issue of voluntary repatriation for the sub-committee.

Some minor differences in wording remained, but an Allied staff officer, Col. James Murray, said: "These problems would fall apart if the central issue was resolved."

NO INDICATION

Col. Murray asked the Communist staff officers to the conference tent today to supply information on all prisoners ever held by them and said that, if they did the UNC would do the same.

But the Reds gave no indication that they will comply.

The data would cover information on men who each side claims were in the hands of the other and who so far have not been accounted for.

In addition, this would include the names of prisoners captured since original prisoner lists were exchanged at Panmunjom in December.

Col. Murray told the Reds: "On Jan. 1 you stated that you had put in an order for data on all prisoners of war captured by your side during the course of hostilities. This includes approximately 50,000 persons—primarily military personnel of our side—for whom no accounting has been given. You also stated that this data would be given to our side in due course, contingent on our giving you the complete data on all prisoners of war taken by the United Nations Command."

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Cricketer Shot Dead On Field

In the foreground is the dead body of Arthur Henderson, and in the background Ronald Reed, a wounded man who is receiving attention from ambulance men. The scene is the Railways Oval, Adelaide, South Australia, after a man had run amok with a .303 rifle during a cricket match and shot the two players.—Express Service.

Locust Swarms Invade Iran

London, Feb. 28. Swarms of desert locusts have crossed the Persian Gulf and have entered Persia at Bushire, the Anti-Locust Research Centre in London stated today.

They may spread along the coast to Pakistan and India, according to Dr Boris P. Uvarov, the Director of the Centre and a leading world authority on locusts.

He said: "Where it goes next depends upon the weather. They are not likely to go inland where the climate is cold but may spread eastwards along the coast up to Pakistan and India."

There is no information as to the size of the swarms.—Reuter.

TEXTILE GLUT IN RANGOON

Rangoon, Feb. 28. A textile glut is threatening many Burmese with bankruptcy and the Government has offered to buy "over-stocks".

The move is expected to help debtors pay off mounting debts and add liquid funds to banks whose warehouses are filled with unmarketed textile stocks.

Some quarters estimate that Burma has enough textiles, especially pieces goods, to last her for two years.

Some Burmese businessmen, who want import control, blame the present crisis on the Government's policy of open general licences.

The bulk of the textile trade is controlled by British and Indian businessmen.

The Government's new measure is designed to help Burmese traders, new entrants to the textile business.—Reuter.

India Ready To Accept Aid—On Conditions

New Delhi, Feb. 28. The Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, told correspondents today that India was prepared to take foreign aid—but only if there were no political or other strings attached.

India's five-year plan had been so drawn up that it would not be upset by lack of such aid, but could go ahead faster if aid came, he said.

It was Mr Nehru's first Press conference since the elections which returned his Congress Party with over 70 per cent of the seats in the Central and State Parliaments.

He condemned the tactics of Indian Communists as "utterly disruptivist" and declared that they were conditioned by factors outside India.

Replying to questions on the general elections, particularly the Communist wins in the South, Mr Nehru said, "When I say I sympathise a great deal with the Communist theory or objectives I mean there are no essential basic differences between Socialism and Communism except in their technique and certain practices."

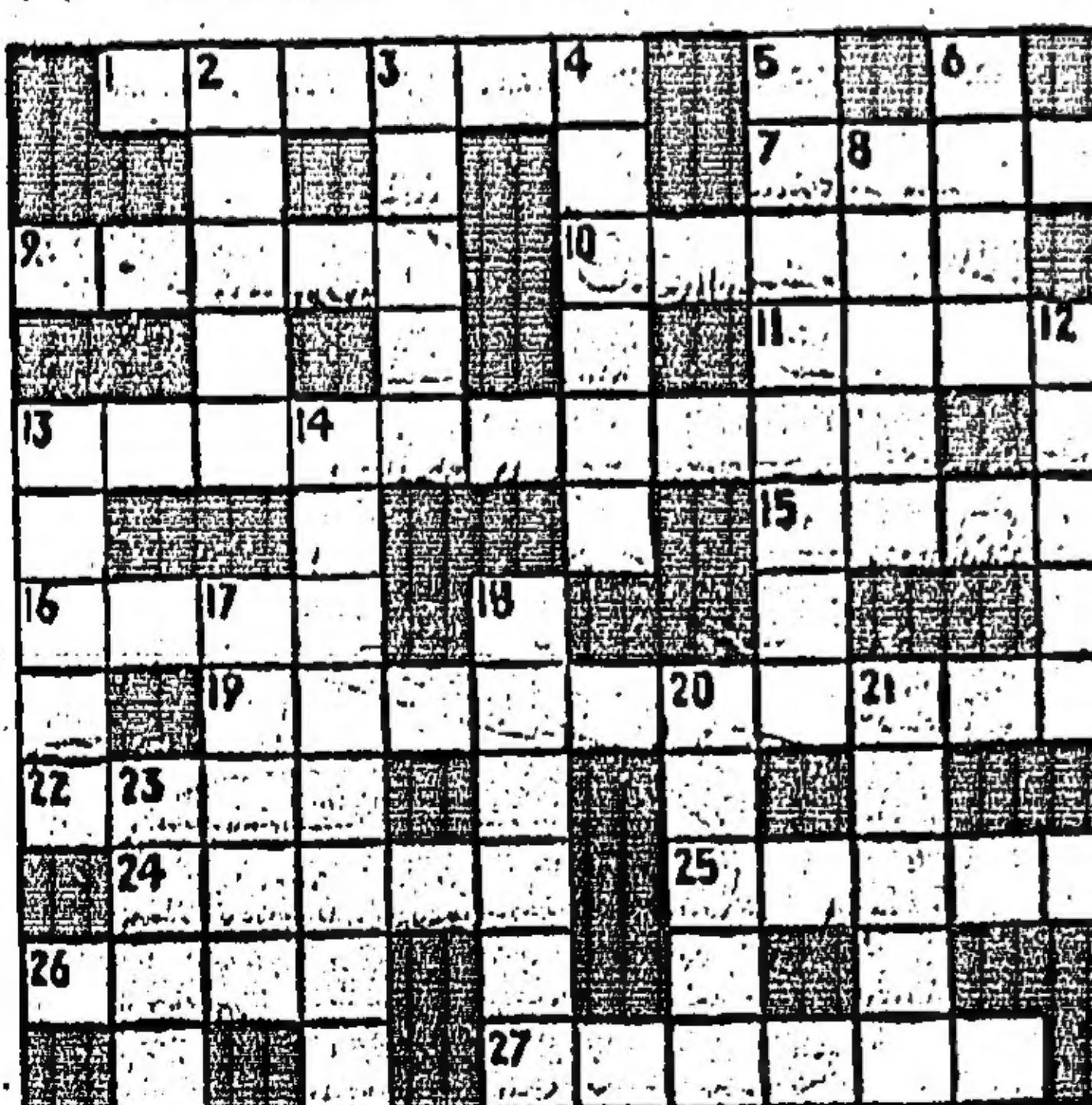
Mr Nehru said that he had been powerfully impressed by Marx's Capital—but not converted by it.

The presence of Chinese Nationalist troops in Burma was causing grave concern to the Burmese Government and was worrying Britain and America, too.

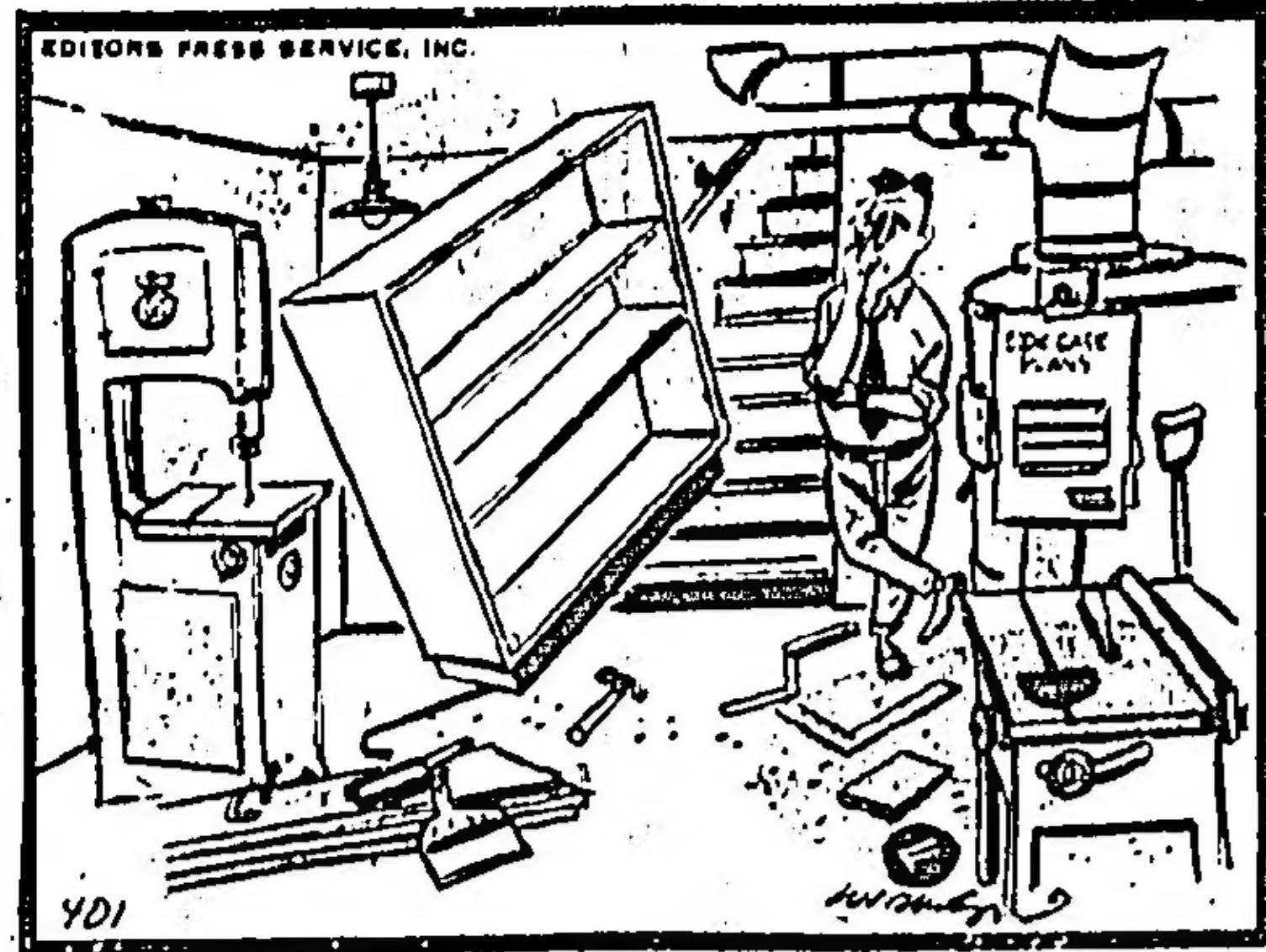
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A British Crossword Puzzle**ACROSS:**

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- 4 Mistake (5)
- 5 Birds (4)
- 6 Downcast (10)
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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Proper Lead Will Win Many Games

By OSWALD JACOBY

JOHNNY CRAWFORD is a hard man to shut out of the bidding. In the hand shown today Crawford held the South cards. When the opponents indicated their readiness to play the hand at two hearts, Johnny refused to sell out. His bid of three clubs is shown as an example of enterprise, not as a model to be followed.

Crawford opened a deck of diamonds and East took the ace. East returned six diamonds, and Crawford won with the six of diamonds. He had already lost a diamond trick and it looked as though he would have to make a spade, a couple of hearts, and one or two trump tricks.

At the third trick, Crawford led a club. West put in the ace and had the ten of diamonds, holding his partner could ruff. As it happened, East had the queen of clubs, and it was declarer who ruffed.

Crawford now led his remaining spades and discovered his partner had the nine of clubs. Declarer made a small sacrifice, losing an eventual heart discard.

When he led the king of spades from the dummy, East ruffed with the nine of clubs. Declarer

upside down loses weight proportionate to the number of these corpuscles present. When you come upright again, you will find your heart and increase their weight on the journey. Therefore the loss of weight is merely temporary, as the fanner said when he removed the walking great chomping girl from his pocket in order to reach for a cigarette.

For why should a woman live like this? She walks at the gates of Paris, on air. If she can become a walking skeleton by merely standing on her head? What is the explanation?

According to Dr Noboritsu, the noted American gynaecologist, you should not let your heart, the blood-stream whirling like a jelly on a windy cliff-top, and the air it gives off drift sideways, leaving what is called "sympathetic" circulation in the dimmest corner. This shifts the hormone tissues of the lumbar ducts, and induces hypofunction of the reticulated glabule. Hence loss of weight until you come the right way up again.

A contrary opinion

BUT Dr Drusipic contradicts this. He, wagging his cheeks like the old raven of Montmartre, said that when you stand on your head, 300,000,000 invisible and colourless corpuscles desert the head for the feet, thus shifting their weight in the direction of a junior mistress. The raven had all been singing a song about the headmistress, written by according to Tallantyre's Law of Non-Compensatory Balance—Averaged the corpuscles themselves lose weight in transit, and so a body

Oh, I say, look here!

THE headmistress of a girls' school in France was awarded a farthing damage by other girls for causing her a junior mistress. The girls had all been singing a song about the headmistress, written by this junior mistress. The title was: "There are a devil of a lot of camels in the world."

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29

BORN on Leap Year Day is an event that comes to very few—and this one year in which you were born stands out in your head. The stars have given you the whereabouts to become prominent.

Even your best friends are apt to think that you are temperamental and flighty, but you have highly magnetic personalities, with a charm and force all your own. It is as if being born on this day gave you an extra portion of magnetism. Your emotions are strong, at times turbulent, and your personality often attracts people without your volition. Wednesdays are the days when your person is most attractive, and your friends without you every mood.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Closeness and romance are definitely favoured today. Develop your true personality.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Avoid letting yourself worry about details over which you have no control. Forget them.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20)—It is important that you make the right plans for your future at this time.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Plan a short journey in the company of your friends if it can bring exceptional pleasure.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—Be tactful in the face of strong opposition. Be giving in a little, you might not win, but it can bring success.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—Good for you to broaden your social outlook. Accept all invitations offered.

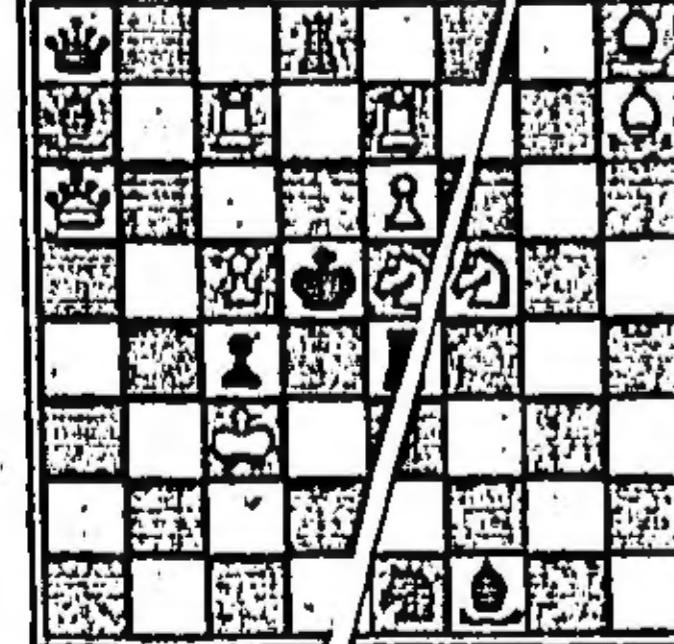
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Plan to stay at home with your family and enjoy the pleasure of their company.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—Enjoy under all circumstances. New inspiration and self-reliance pays well now.

CHESS PROBLEM

By E. GUNTERSWELLER

Black, 8 pieces



(Solution on Page 10)

BARBS

By HAL COCHRAN

GARAGE men lose a lot of time to people who stop for oil—and gas.

Your neck and your pride are two things that should hold your head up.

Many people leave a cinema right in the middle of a picture. Sleep-walking is quite common.

DUMB-BELLS

WILL YOU PLEASE REMOVE THE RED LIGHTS ON THE REAR OF THE CAR, THEY DON'T MATCH THE COLOR SCHEME



You can't blame some bosses for being cranks—they have to get things started.

A band entered a home and tools only a teenager's clarinet. Let's hope the neighbours have alibis.

As soon as all the politicians get on the bandwagon, watch out for sour notes.

The fruits of carelessness and thoughtlessness do a swell job of upsetting your apple cart.

1. Where is the native home of the Maltese?

2. Name the play by Sheridan in which the character Mrs Malaprop appears.

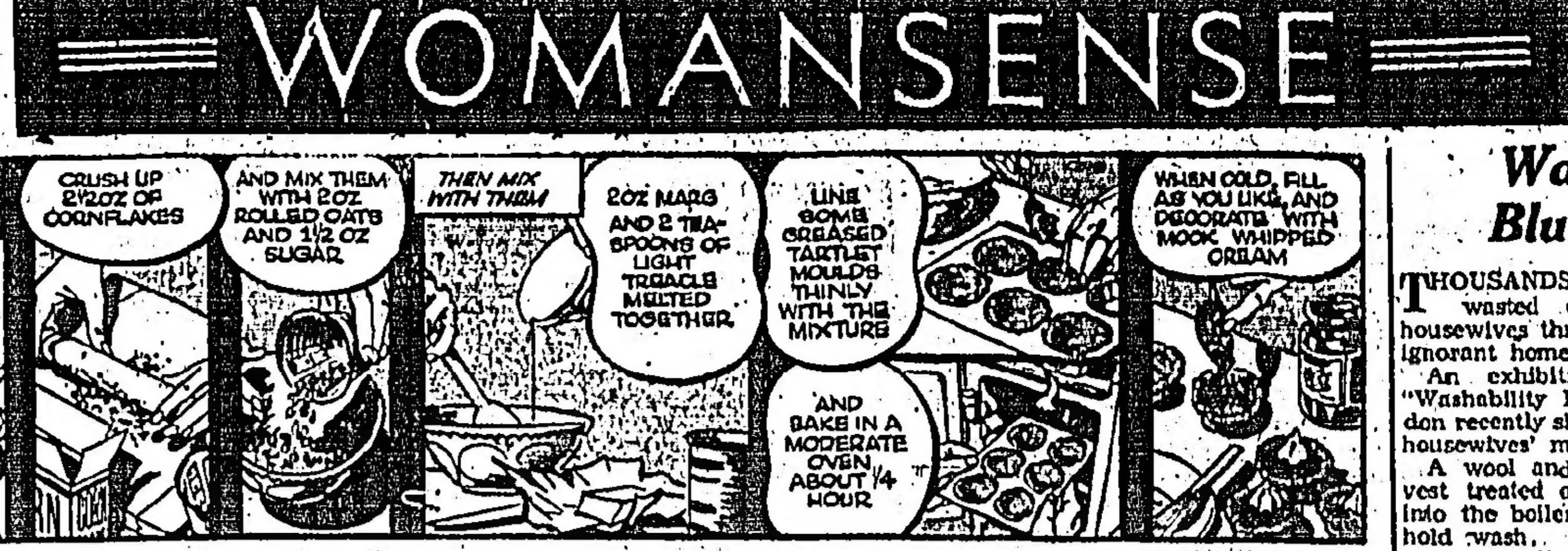
3. What is the next-to-the last syllable of a word called?

4. What is a "laugh"?

5. What is a "lame" sail?

6. Describe "napoleon" confectionery.

(Answers on Page 10.)



Washing Blunders

THOUSANDS of pounds are wasted every year by housewives through carelessness or ignorant house-washing.

An exhibition held by a "Washability Bureau" in London recently showed examples of housewives' mistakes.

A wool and cotton mixture vest treated as cotton and put into the boiler with the household wash. The wool almost entirely disappeared leaving cotton rags. (Cotton and wool mixtures should be washed as pure wool).

Gym stockings left soaking overnight lost colour. (Soaks and stockings should never be soaked for more than 10 to 15 minutes).

A pair of gloves shrivelled by drying in the oven. (Leather gloves should be rolled in a towel to remove moisture, then dried away from heat. Gloves should be eased on to the hand during drying to keep them soft).

CREATION IN THREE TIERS



NEW TWIST ON A FAMOUS DISH

Fish Cakes Benedict—

IDA BAILEY ALLEN

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the fish to the cooked potatoes; mash together, being sure all lumps are removed. Add 1 tbsp. butter or margarine, 1/4 tsp. salt and 1 beaten egg. Beat vigorously; cool. Shape into flat round cakes, about 3" in diameter. Dust with flour; dip in egg wash, then in fine dry crumbs. Fry in deep fat hot enough to brown a bit of bread in 40 sec., 375°F. Or saute in a frying pan containing enough fat to cover the bottom. Drain on crumpled absorbent paper. Arrange on a heated platter. Top each cake with a poached egg. Spread gently with hot mock Hollandaise sauce. Top each egg with a slice of red radish.

Dinner

Cream of Spinach Soup

Fish Cakes Benedict

Mixed Vegetables

Hot Rolls

Old-Fashioned Cole Slaw

Rhubarb and

Tinned Pineapple "Gel"

Coffee, Tea or Milk

All Measurements Are Level

Recipes Serve Four

Fish Cakes Benedict

This dish consists of three parts: Salt cod fish cakes, poached eggs and mock Hollandaise sauce.

Fish-Cakes: Peel and small enough with potato to make 4 heaping cupsful; then boil. Scald 1 1/2 c. shredded fish by covering with boiling water, then pressing it out. Add

Mock Hollandaise Sauce

Melt 3 tbsp. butter in a small double boiler top. Stir in 2 tbsp.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

General Tin Visits Biggland

—And Has Some Tall Tales to Tell About It!—

By MAX TRELL

"I DON'T expect," said General Tin, "that you will believe me. But everything I am about to tell you is true. I saw it with my own eyes." He stopped and looked at Knarf and Handi, the shadow—children with the turned-about names. "Would you like to hear about my voyage to Biggland, and about my adventures with the extraordinary people who lived there, called the Biggies?"

"Biggies," said General Tin, "use telephone poles for broom handles."

"Oh-h!" exclaimed Handi. "And what do they use for telephone poles?" asked Knarf.

General Tin didn't hear, or didn't bother to hear. Knarf's question. Instead he said: "And do you see that pond at the foot of our hill? It's a pretty fair-sized pond, isn't it?"

Knarf and Handi promptly agreed that the pond was large enough to go swimming in the summer-time, and to go skating on in the winter.

"In Biggland," said General Tin, "the pond, that size would be considered a rain-puddle."

Only the Biggie babies would waste their time splashing in it. Their ponds—the Biggio ponds—are as big as our oceans. And, said General Tin suddenly, pointing outside again, "do you see those round boulders along the top of the mountain? The Biggle children use boulders for their hearts!"

"The other reason," said General Tin. "The presently after pausing for a moment or two is that hardly any one who finally reaches Biggland ever comes back again. However, I came back. You should both consider yourselves very fortunate to have me here to tell you about it."

On Handi's telling General Tin that she and Knarf were very glad to be able to have him describe Biggland to them, General Tin smiled and went on.

"Now, the inhabitants of Biggland, as I mentioned before,

put on their letters are as big as handkerchiefs. Their shoes are as big as barn-and-thistle coats would cover a railroad station. But the biggest thing about them is their hearts."

"Their hearts!" said Knarf and Handi together, quite surprised.

"By that I mean, my dears, that they are as big-hearted as kind and as generous—as they are big in size. Everything about them is big, but as far as they are concerned, everything about them might be small. They never hesitate to give anything away to whomever they like."

"They liked me," General Tin added a bit sadly, "but how could I take away books as big as tables, shoes as big as barns, pennies as big as buckets, and a beautiful golden ring as big as the tire on a bus? I just couldn't take anything they gave me. But I thanked them for their kindness just the same."

And that was General Tin's story of his visit to the Biggies of Biggland, which isn't in any of the regular geography books.

As big as buckets, they read out of books as big as tables. They write with pens as big as baseball bats. The stamps

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HONGKONG'S VICTORY IN THE DOUBLES A PERSONAL TRIUMPH FOR EDWIN TSAI

By "OBSERVER"

Hongkong's interport tennis team yesterday evened the score to 1½-1½ in their three-day match against the visiting Japanese tennis aces when Ip Koon-hung and Edwin Tsai edged out Japan's Nakano and Miyagi in three hard-fought sets 6-2, 5-7, 6-3.

In the opening singles exhibition match, Japan's third ranking Kamo, after an indifferent first set, blazed through the second in the short time of 12 minutes to beat Norman Lo by 6-1 and 6-0.

The match will be decided this afternoon on the remijuing two singles matches between K. C. Dao and Nakano and between K. H. Ip and Miyagi. The first match starts at 3.45 p.m.

Hongkong's doubles victory yesterday was a personal triumph for left-hander Edwin Tsai who undoubtedly gave the best display of the tour.

With both pairs adopting offensive tactics from the opening service and pouncing on their kills in no uncertain manner, Tsai's accurate, net-skimming and perfect short-length forehand cross court returns to his opponents' services played an important part in the Hongkong pair's victory.

Despite attempts by both Nakano and Miyagi to serve to his backhand, Tsai made the least number of errors in his service returns, and was in deadly form at the net, particularly with his counter-volleys.

TURNED THE TIDE

In both the first and third sets, which the Hongkong pair won, some beautiful point-winning strokes by Tsai turned the tide. In the first set the Japanese pair were leading by 2-0, when three successive good volleys by Tsai enabled him and Ip to break through Miyagi's service, and take control of the game at the net from then on. They reeled off six games in a row to win by 6-2.

In the third set, the visitors were leading by 3-0, when Tsai again came to the rescue with three killing follow-up volleys, on his service to hold the game at love. The game put them back in their stride and sparked them to a brilliant streak which gave them five more games in a row, two of these love games.

Ip was far from his best form, falling into a number of errors, but his forceful drives and net play and his strong overhead smash enabled him and Tsai to maintain control over the major part of the game and pave the way to Tsai's killing volleys.

Ip was seen at his best in the third set when the Japanese visitors resorted to their accurate lobs, which he either intercepted or smashed.

FASTER AT THE NET

The visitors had to concede that their opponents were faster at the net. Together they had better serves, but together they made more errors during the net exchanges and in their returns to their opponents' services.

Both Miyagi and Nakano missed at least 10 overhead smashes, between them, and Miyagi a number of fairly easy volleys at the net.

Both, however, displayed good lobs, which were particularly evident in the second set, which they won.

Nakano opened the service, held it with a love game and took his side to a lead of 3-0. Tsai and Ip made a strong rally in the fourth game which went to six deuces before they took it. The Hongkong pair got through two more games of good lobs by the Japanese pair and level the score to 3-3.

Miyagi held his next service game after deuce was called and with the score at 30-30 in Tsai's next service game, Miyagi lobbed past Ip on the backhand and Nakano put away a weak return to take a 5-3 lead.

Although Nakano led 30-0 on his service, Ip and Tsai recovered sufficiently to break through his service game at 50-30 to draw closer at 4-5.

Ip and Miyagi both held their services to bring the score to 6-5. A hectic game followed with Tsai serving. At 15-15, Tsai double-faulted.

A forehand short cross drive put the Japanese pair to a 40-15 lead. Two deuces were called, however, before Tsai volleyed out and Nakano followed his lob to Tsai's backhand with a

Melbourne May Back Out

Helsinki, Feb. 28.—Melbourne is going to give up the right to the 1956 Olympics, said Baron Eric Von Freytag, Finnish Olympic Organisation Committee Chairman, today.

"The International Olympic Committee decided at its Oslo meeting that if Melbourne cannot fulfil plans by May 15 the task will be given to another applicant," Baron Freytag said.

Earlier, he had said that in his opinion "Melbourne has only a one per cent chance to come off," Central Press

ON THE RECORD ONE MORE RIVER IS CROSSED

A Sino-Israeli-Lusitanian entente has made it possible for the Colony's bridge-playing world to uncover its Champions. Representatives of the three communities met at the Jewish Recreation Club over lunch on Wednesday to round out their plans to unite all the bridge players in Hongkong in one happy family.

Bridge is not yet an Olympic sport, no more than chess, lawn bowls or softball. There are several codes and several World Championship tournaments. There are also endless arguments as to whose partner should have done something that he or she had not done, leaving little health in him or her.

This state of affairs shall not continue locally. The same series of hands will be put to all comers and all those failing to make a near maximum out of this series of hands will be eliminated from the least pre-tension to current Championship aspirations from then on until the advent of the next Championship.

Lee Wal-ton and K. C. Dao beat Li Cdr. C. M. Jones and Lt. H. W. Wadens 7-5, 6-3. Liu Kee-kong and Eric Lee beat Tso Shu-lim and Lu Po-hay 6-2, 6-3. Joseph Hsu and E. Pereira beat A. D. Barnett and J. G. Ewing 6-1, 6-2. Roth Laing and Kho Siu-oi beat Horne Wei and Alwyn Wei 6-1, 6-2.

Lt. Cdr. J.R.L. Cook and P.L. Holmes beat Wong Chan-fai and Ma Kin-loong 6-0, 6-2. Carlos Oung and S. Housindrew with D.M. Rodrigues and F. de M. Rebeiro, 6-0.

THEY WERE UNDECIDED



K. C. Dao (Hongkong) and Ateushi Miyagi (Japan) hadn't enough time to decide which one was the better player on the first day of the three-day match at Chater Road. They finished up with a score of 4-6, 6-4. — China Mail Photo.

TODAY'S SPORT LAWN TENNIS

Colony Open Championship at Hongkong Cricket Club Courts, Chater Road—Court 5—Tsun-pui & Trui Wan-pui v Chung Yue-to & Choy Tin-ki (J. B. Kitel); Court 2-Z, U. Young & H. L. Ho v C. M. Jones & S. Housindrew; Court 3—Trui Wan-pui & Trui Wan-pui v Chung Yue-to & Choy Tin-ki (J. B. Kitel); Court 4-Z, U. Young & H. L. Ho v C. M. Jones & S. Housindrew; Court 5—W. H. Wadens & Kho Siu-oi v Wong Sui-yip & Wong Sui-yip (F. de M. Rebeiro); Court 6—W. H. Wadens & Kho Siu-oi v Wong Sui-yip & Wong Sui-yip (F. de M. Rebeiro); Court 7—H. W. Wadens & Kho Siu-oi v Wong Sui-yip & Wong Sui-yip (F. de M. Rebeiro); Court 8—H. W. Wadens & Kho Siu-oi v Wong Sui-yip & Wong Sui-yip (F. de M. Rebeiro); Court 9—H. W. Wadens & Kho Siu-oi v Wong Sui-yip & Wong Sui-yip (F. de M. Rebeiro); Court 10—H. W. Wadens & Kho Siu-oi v Wong Sui-yip & Wong Sui-yip (F. de M. Rebeiro); Court 11—H. W. Wadens & Kho Siu-oi v Wong Sui-yip & Wong Sui-yip (F. de M. Rebeiro); Court 12—H. W. 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Tomorrow's Home Soccer

MANCHESTER WILL HAVE A HARD JOB OF IT TAKING THE POINTS FROM VILLA

Says DENNIS HART

The First Division Championship is developing into a three team race. The clubs concerned are Manchester, United, Portsmouth and Arsenal.

Manchester, at home to Aston Villa tomorrow, can not take their game too lightly. For the Villa are one of the most improved sides in the league. Their half backs, Blanchflower, Moss and Dorsett, are rugged tacklers, and difficult to pass. Manchester's International inside-left, Pearson, will need all his craft to scheme openings. Villa forwards, like the halves, play direct football. They look for the shortest route to goal. Gibson, Walsh and Goffin are dangerous raiders, and their speed may be an effective counter to the positional play of Manchester's skipper and right half, Johnny Carey.

Portsmouth will find Middlesbrough a tough proposition at Ayresome Park. The northerner's position in the relegation zone, is due only to poor form away from home. Pompey players will be able to renew associations with Lindy Delpapier, their former West Indian inside forward, who is now Middlesbrough's outside right. With Wilf Mannion he forms a dangerous wing, and with Portsmouth's left half, Scoular, will be fully extended.

TOUGH FOR ARSENAL

Of the three top clubs, Arsenal have the stiffest task. They visit Burnley. Since the war, Burnley's strength has been in their powerful defence. This season however the forwards, ably led by young Bill Holden, are getting among the goals.

Arsenal's wing halves should have a busy match, and if they are not able to support their own forwards, their attack may, in consequence, lose much of its sting.

The fight for honours in the Second Division is by no means as limited as that in the first. Points have seldom been so difficult to obtain, and in no game, even if it be between top and bottom club, can the result be considered a foregone conclusion.

Sheffield Wednesday fans will look to sharpshooters Dooley and Sewell to put their side back amongst the leaders in their home game with Hull City. However the Hull attack, which includes these young "veterans"

Carter and Burbanks, of Sunderland and England fame, will need all the attention of the home-too-solid Wednesday defence.

ALL-MIDLAND CLASH

After the all-Midland clash at St. Andrews, Coventry may regret the day they transferred Briggs to Birmingham. For the one-time Grimsby centre-forward is finding the form which made him top scorer in the English leagues in the season 1949-50. However, Coventry now have George Lowrie back at centre-forward after his travels to Bristol, and Newcastle.

Cardiff, who have a good home record, should beat West Ham, who can not strike form in away matches. Supporters of the London side are hoping that centre-half Allison has recovered from his recent shaky spell, for Grant, the Cardiff leader, plays like a man inspired before the Ninian Park crowd.

Leicester, who over the past few weeks have climbed steadily up the table, expect to consolidate their gains in entertaining Swanscombe, who do Notts Forest who receive Bury.

In the Third Division (South), Plymouth will need to watch the Northampton left wing of Ramsay, the ex-Wolves inside forward, and Starostic. Northampton's brilliant Polish winger who has attracted the attention of many First Division scouts.

Reading, who look like proving Plymouth's strongest challengers, have a difficult game in visiting Bristol Rovers. It

will need all the skill of veteran inside forward Maurice Edelson, and thrustfulness of centre-forward Blackman to gain them even one point.

NOTHING CAN STOP THEM

Nothing, it seems, can stop Lincoln City from becoming Third Division (North) champions. Their forwards, led by league top-scorer Andy Gruber, seem invincible, and they should be more than match for Bradford.

Interest in the Scottish League Division "A" is turning from the championship race, which Hibernians seem to have in the bag, to the fight for second place. This is being contested by Rangers, Hearts and East Fife. All three are away tomorrow, and Rangers, who visit lucidless Strikers, bottom of the league, have a chance of jumping ahead of their rivals who play Morton and Partick respectively.

In Division "B" the big three, Clyde, Falkirk and Ayr, all have away games. Clyde seem to have the best chance. They visit Stenhousemuir, who have shown very poor form of late.

(London Express Service)

French Drive To Clean Up Boxing

Paris.

The French boxing world is embarking on a determined drive to "clean up" the professional ring.

Perturbed by two recent accidents, one of them fatal, and spurred on by the sporting press, the French Secretary of State for Sports, M. Jean Masson, asked the French Boxing Federation to draw up a list of preventive measures.

The President of the Boxing Federation suggested:

1.—A more stringent system of classification to ensure that a fighter does not remain at a level above his capacity.

2.—More frequent medical examinations, even during a fight when a referee or manager should be allowed to call in a doctor to look over a doubtful case.

3.—An eight-day break between contests instead of the present four days — though the Minister is insisting on a longer rest.

4.—Newcomers should be limited to six-round bouts and third-category fighters to eight rounds.

5.—Any boxer knocked out by a head punch, or beaten either by the referee stopping the fight or by throwing in of the towel should be kept out of the ring for one month. If the same fate befalls him at his next fight, the embargo should last three months.

6.—Any boxer defeated in three successive fights should be medically examined within a week of his last defeat and made to rest for as much as six months.

7.—Men with too many defeats could have their licences suspended or even removed. The same rule would apply to an unfit or ageing boxer.

8.—Managers or fighters appearing outside the country for any length of time shall be responsible for respecting the French rules.

MANAGERS RESPONSIBLE

Lending critics here maintain that the managers are largely responsible for the bad tactics which have caused accidents. They declare that managers should encourage their men to learn to fight scientifically in contrast to the wild slaming which now passes for boxing in the French ring.

They want referees to watch more closely for deliberate foul play such as the head-butting, which is so common today.

French rings, often bepapered with blood from head-butting, give the public a vicarious thrill, the critics say, but the majority of real boxing fans, here as elsewhere else, would prefer to watch a good, clean fight — *Hilmer*.

INTER-HONG MATCH

An Inter-Hong soccer match between Butterfield & Swire (Taikoo) and Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. (Ewo) will be played on the Club ground at Happy Valley today, kick-off 3 p.m.

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THE GAMBOLS . . .



WEEK-END TEAMS

The following are Club selections for League and friendly cricket matches this weekend:

Kirkwood CC v HKCC (Optimists) at Cox's Road on Sunday at 1.30 p.m.—J. Leroy, W. Colclough, K. H. Fraser, N. Hall, B. Keighley, B. Hobson, L. Hutton, F. R. Kerham, A. Lang, C. S. Ramsay, L. Reed, D. Symons.

Craigengower CC v HKCC (Optimists) at Chater Road on Sunday at 1.30 p.m.—D. McLean, J. Williamson, D. Read, T. Cabrera, K. V. Tam, M. Weller, B. P. Dhaliwal, S. Y. Yip, U. H. Eason, R. H. Greenaway.

Dockyard RC v Hong Kong University at Navy Ground, King's Park on Saturday at 1.30 p.m.—Tucker, Barber, Horley, Harries, Back, Regan, Horner, Maddox, Storh, B. P. Dhaliwal, S. Y. Yip.

HKCC "Scorpions" v RAF at Kai Tak on Saturday at 1.45 p.m.—J. Owen Hughes, J. A. Pearce, F. C. Williams, J. Bowden, A. R. M. Samy, S. Khan, R. A. Bux, E. G. S. Kader, H. T. Barma, T. E. Chiba, Umpley, R. M. Omar.

Players are requested to meet at the Ferry, Kowloon, side, at 1.30 p.m.

Royal Air Force 1st XI v HKCC "Scorpions" at Kai Tak on Saturday at 1.45 p.m.—Kingford Ball, William Graham, Spence, MacKenzie, Benson, Jackson, Harrup, 12th man—Leigh Bennett, Umpire—Bleek—Score, Trowell.

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Saigon Export Of Oils

Large quantities of peanut oil, coconut oil and lard were exported in the last two months from Saigon, causing prices to drop in Hongkong and to advance in this city.

In January, peanut oil prices in Saigon averaged 1.75 piastres as against 1.30 in December, while coconut oil went up from 0.50 piastres per kilogramme to 9 piastres.—France-Press.

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Priority To Be Given Vital Raw Materials

Tokyo, Feb. 28. The Government will give top priority to the import of three vital raw materials from the Sterling Area, reliable sources said today.

The Government is working on a system under which it will accord preferential treatment to the import of crude rubber, hides and fats and oils.

This system, these sources said, is part of the Government programme to cope with growing Sterling holdings along with the foreign currency loan system recently decided upon by the Government.

The Government took up the preferential system for serious consideration because crude rubber, hides and fats and oils last year accounted for 60 per cent of the total \$63,000,000 because certain items such as medicines are not taxed.

The heaviest export item from the Philippines during 1951 was copra, to the value of \$155,000,000 or an increase of more than \$18,000,000 over the preceding year.

Other top exports were sugar (\$8,500,000), abaca (\$62,000,000), coconut (\$25,000,000), lumber and timber (\$18,000,000) and base metals (\$10,000,000).

While all of these exports increased in volume during the year, the value did not increase proportionately on the world market. Therefore, the return to the Philippines did not increase on the same basis as production went up.

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GRAIN PRICES IRREGULARLY HIGHER

Chicago, Feb. 28. With the exception of maize, grain futures turned irregularly higher on new prospects of export business. Wheat futures closed 1/2 to 1% higher and soybeans 1 higher to 1 lower.

Prices closed as follows:—

WHEAT—PRICE PER BUSHL

Spot ... 235¢ nominal

March ... 231 1/2

... 231 1/2

July ... 243 1/2

September ... 249 1/2

December ... 249 1/2

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Spot ... 180 1/2

March ... 175 1/2

May ... 170 1/2

July ... 175 1/2

September ... 175 1/2

December ... 175 1/2

RICE

March ... 155 1/2

May ... 153 1/2

Oats ... 80 1/2

March ... 82 1/2

May ... 82 1/2

New York basis per 200 lb. sack \$12.50. —United Press.

TRYING TO MEET REQUIREMENTS

Singapore, Feb. 28. Cotton futures fluctuated over a wide range today in nervous mixed dealings. Reports of further textile mill closings brought renewed liquidation into focus, with losses at one time extending to almost \$1 a bale. However, the market subsequently worked irregularly higher on considerable short covering by professional traders.

Old crop cotton futures turned firm near the close on short covering and trade demand with offerings scarce. New crop month lagged on the upturn.

Futures closed \$1 a bale higher to 75 cents lower than the previous close.

—United Press.

SAIGON PRICES INCREASE

Saigon, Feb. 28. Wholesale prices recorded a noticeable increase in January, chiefly as a result of higher prices of food products, including rice, beef and pork. Quotations for rubber, firewood and charcoal, however, declined while prices of imported products stood steady.

Imported cotton yarn prices fell from 12,240 piastres per bale last December to 10,800 piastres in January.

Rubber exports from Saigon during the month amounted to 6,743 tons. —France-Press.

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Divorce For Gene Tierney

Santa Monica, Feb. 28. The film star Gene Tierney received an uncontested divorce today from dress designer Oleg Cassini, testifying that he preferred a tennis court to her.

She said Cassini showed little desire to keep their marriage going. She told the court her work required her to remain in Hollywood much of the time while Cassini's business was in New York.

She said she made three or four trips a year to see him, but gradually it became evident her trips were "not looked forward to with any anticipation."

The announcement of a formal meeting, expected last night, was held up until the Japanese mission chief, Retsu Kawada, had been given the green light by his government to take action across the conference table on points reported to have been agreed upon in three informal sessions with the Foreign Minister, George Yeh, chief Chinese negotiator.

The continued delay in getting down to business brought angry accusations today from Kuomintang leaders that Japan is deliberately playing a waiting game, hoping by continued delaying tactics to wear down Nationalist resistance to Japanese views.

Under Kuomintang insistence, the Chinese press today warned the public not to take too optimistic an attitude toward either early or satisfactory conclusion of a bilateral treaty.

Conflicting declarations by the Japanese delegation added to the confusion on the exact status of developments to date. Hideki Miunaki, official spokesman, at various times has insisted that Kawada, as plenipotentiary, has full authority to make decisions binding on his government. On other occasions, he has said

Kawada must await new instructions on step by step negotiations.

Two days ago, Mizaki said Japan was insisting on negotiating a treaty as a sovereign nation on an equal basis with Nationalist China. Yesterday Mizaki qualified his remarks by saying Japan hoped to be able to negotiate as an equal partner.

Shiroshichi Kimura, second in rank in the Japanese delegation, this morning conferred with the vice Foreign Minister Hu Ching-yu, deputy to the Foreign Minister in negotiations. It could not be learned immediately if the meeting meant Kawada had been empowered to proceed or if there would be still further delays. — United Press.

Recognition For Consular Officials

The Governor has been pleased to recognise Senator Clorinda A. Mendez as Consul for the Republic of Argentina in Hongkong. The Executive empowering him to act as such was signed by His late Majesty on January 1, 1952.

The Governor, under instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has been pleased to recognise Mr Frank J. Haughey as Vice-Consul for the United States of America at Hongkong.

The following have been appointed members of the Port Committee for a period of one year: Capt. E. P. Hinton, RN; Messrs James T. Choy, M. Y. Fioner, R. Johannessen and John Keswick.

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Magistrate Finds Sailor Not Guilty

Colin Gordon McKay, sailor of HMAS Sydney, was found not guilty on a charge of evading payment of taxi fare by Mr J. Wicks at Kowloon this morning.

Mr Wicks said he was satisfied defendant had no intention of evading payment of the fare.

Defendant was ordered to pay \$3 as compensation to the taxi driver.

Inst. Dewar said McKay left the Kowloon Restaurant, Nathan Road after having some drinks last night, and boarded a taxi.

The driver drove him towards Tsimshatsui, but he could not get a satisfactory answer from defendant as to where he wanted to go. He was then taken to the Police Station where he was found to have no money.

Defendant told the Court that he was drunk and did not remember anything.

Men Admit Embezzlement Charges

Two employees of the China Travel Service, Lai Kin, 33, messenger boy and Cheung Fuk-tung, 37, clerk, were sentenced to three and six months respectively by Mr Poon Yan-hol at Central this morning when they both pleaded guilty to embezzlement.

Lai who had served the company for 10 years, drawing a salary of \$230 per month, was alleged to have embezzled on divers dates between June 4 last year and February 14, 1952, \$4,304.74 being monies received from customers.

Defendant, who was arrested near his home when the account books were audited on February 8, told the Police he could not live on his salary.

The second defendant was alleged to have embezzled \$13,276.88 on divers dates between September 1949 and February 8 this year.

Cheung, who had 18 years' service with the Company and draws \$370 per month told the Police he lost most of the money gambling in the former manager's residence. The manager had since left for Japan.

NATURALISED

The Governor, with the approval of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has conferred the privilege of British Naturalisation on the following persons: Miss Lily Agnes Lowcock (Nurse); Mr Jack Goldman (Fire and Police Officer); Mr Ho Ka-jan (Merchant); Mr Ladislav Brezny (Merchant); Mr Jackson Chok Sun Chan (Merchant); Miss Alice Howell (Typist); and Mrs Sven Astrid Cedergren (nee Olson) (Housewife).

Appointments

The following appointments were notified in the Gazette: Mr C. Strange to act as Superintendent of Sanitary Services, Urban Council, and Sanitary Department.

Mr E. N. Poxford, to act as Chief Health Inspector, Urban Council, and Sanitary Department.

Dr S. H. Moore to act as a member of the Volunteer Pensions Assessment Board. Vice Dr G. V. A. Griffith, on leave.

Laichikok Murder Trial: Accused Is Found Guilty

The Laichikok Hillside Murder Trial concluded at the Criminal Sessions this morning when the Jury of six men and a woman, after a retirement of 50 minutes, returned a unanimous verdict of Guilty against Mak Chan-yuen, 27-year-old farmer, who was accused of killing a woman, Ng Lin, alias Ng Mei-fan, aged 20, on the evening of October 6 last.

Donning the black cap, Mr Justice Gould passed sentence of death.

His Lordship exempted the Jury from further service for a period of two years.

Mr A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, together with Mr Patrick Yu, Crown Counsel, assisted by Dots. Instn. W. B. Scruggs of Shamshui-poo CID, conducted the prosecution while Mr Y. K. Mok, instructed by Mr K. F. Wong, was assigned for the defence.

The trial, which opened on Monday morning, attracted considerable public interest.

The murdered woman was stated to be the sweetheart of the accused and her decomposed body was found on the hillside above the Laichikok Amusement Park on October 9.

In the course of a summing up which occupied an hour and 40 minutes, Mr Justice Gould mentioned that the scientific test method with regard to bodies had been used in other cases.

Regarding the identity of the deceased woman, there was the evidence that the stomach contents were similar to the last meal she had eaten. There was a strong inference that the scissor blade found near the scene of the crime was the instrument that had been used. It responded to the test for blood.

His Lordship told the Jury that there was no evidence concerning the whereabouts of the accused on the evening of October 6 except that of Tam Ling, a Laichikok beach girl, who stated she saw the accused and the girl going up the hillside. The light then was sufficient for identification.

Turning to motive, his Lordship said that it might have been robbery but all the evidence adduced pointed to the fact that the woman had nothing worth taking.

Chan, Koo and her daughter were represented by Mr Peter Mo.

The defendants were alleged to have entered the Colony at Castle Peak Road near the 11½ Milestone on Wednesday without a permit.

BUILT SECRET COMPARTMENT

For fitting a secret compartment to his junk, M164T, was fined \$50 by Mr W. Sprague at the Marine Court this morning for carrying insufficient life saving jackets.

If the accused had been maltreated, said his Lordship, he would have complained or likewise he had been induced to make a statement which on its face value was a confession of murder.

The unknown statement from the dock gave by the accused gave no opportunity for it to be tested. What was there to be done? said the Police. Evidence on the way in which the statement

store stones as ballast.

Defendant said his craft had been laid up for several months and that the jackets had deteriorated.

Colony's Growing Revenue Balance

STOOD AT \$266 MILLION AT END OF NOVEMBER

The Colony's general revenue balance at the end of November last year amounted to \$266,395,721, according to official figures published in today's Gazette.

This is \$18,595,321 more than the estimated total revenue for the current financial year.

Another surplus was recorded for November, revenue exceeding expenditure by \$8,145,978.

During the first eight months of the financial year, revenue exceeded expenditure by \$73,409,018. The original estimates provided for a total surplus over the whole year of \$13,120,800.

Revenue for November amounted to \$25,490,834, of which \$10,700,888 was derived from Internal Revenue. Duties amounted to \$6,789,856; licences, fines and forfeitures \$1,897,044; fees of court or office \$1,447,053 and the Post Office \$1,124,754.

Land sales produced \$529,092, bringing the total revenue from that source for the first eight months of the year to \$2,057,055, which exceeded the estimated total for the year by \$347,055.

Moving the application, the Hon the Acting Attorney General (Mr G. E. Strickland, QC) said that Mr Carr was admitted on April 6, 1946, to Mr R. Haughton in Preston, Lancashire, for five years passing his final examination in April 1951. He was admitted to practise in England in July of that year.

Mr Carr joined the law firm of Messrs Haughton, Craven and Company, and remained until October, 1951, when he entered into an agreement to join Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master in Hongkong, as assistant solicitor. He arrived from Home on December 31 last.

Expenditure for November was \$17,445,856, the five principal items being: miscellaneous services \$2,353,592; public works recurrent \$2,138,784; public works non-recurring \$1,933,312; police force \$1,577,302; Medical Department \$1,414,200.

Expenditure for the first eight months of the year represented approximately 57 per cent of the total estimates.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Programme Summary: 6.02 Children's Hour

Farm" Part 4 (BBCTS); 6.30 Cantonese by Radio given by Miss Lee Wan-yan and S. K. Lee (Re: 7.00 Time Signal World News; 7.00 News Analysis (London Relay); 7.15 Neapolitan Song by Beniamino Gigli (Tenor); 7.30, No. 37 in the Series "The Great Composers"; 7.45 (Recorded Relay); 8.10, A Short Recital of Music by Misses F. Fricker (Violin); 8.30, Waltzes from Vienna (Johann Strauss); 9.00, Music Lovers Hour—Classical Requests presented by Curtis Hindson (Studio); 10.00, "The Kingfisher," A programme portraying the Characters and Meaning of the Crown in Britain's History (BBCTS); 11.00, Radio News Reel (Recorded Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Girl (11.20 Weather Report; God Save The Queen); 11.30, Close Down.

"Anne Hathaway" is another indirect clue. The answer is "All's Well That Ends Well."

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Living Language

Why we say Philanderer.

One uses this word to describe a male flirt, or a man who takes his loves lightly, but in its original sense the word means just the opposite, a loving or dutiful husband, from the Greek words "phileo" loving, and "andros," a man or husband. The name "Philander" was invented by the Elizabethan dramatists Beaumont and Fletcher, in their play "Laws of Candy."

Mail Notices

Latest times of posting, and at Kowloon Post Office registered articles and parcels sent one hour earlier than the ordinary mail times shown below:

Friday, February 29
By Air

Formosa, Okinawa, 8 p.m.

H.K.A., N.W.A.L., Australia, New Zealand, 8 p.m., Q.E.A.

Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, India,

3 p.m., B.O.A.C.

Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 3 p.m., P.A.S.

China, 4 p.m., P.A.S.

Macao, 12.30 p.m.; 6 p.m., s/s Lee Hong/Tak Shing.

Saturday, March 1

Slam, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, (via Bangkok) Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe; 11.30 a.m.

U.S.A., Canada, 3 p.m., P.A.S.

Japan, 3 p.m., B.O.A.C.

Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 5 p.m., Air France.

Macao, 12.30 p.m.; 6 p.m., s/s Lee Hong/Tak Shing.

China People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.

Macau, 8 a.m., s/s Wing Sang.

Malaya, Indonesia, 1 p.m., s/s Tjwang.

Indo-China, 5 p.m., s/s Price Tyler.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers:

1. Mahin. 2. "The Rivals." 3. Penult. 4. A noose used to catch wild horses and cattle. 5. A triangular sail set obliquely and raking forward on a low mast. 6. A light rich pastry with a cream filling.

INTERESTING WORDS

By Eddie

1. (1)Nay, win(2) meet(3) yew(4) ash(5) (2)Nay (3) yew(4) juniper(5) juniper(6) (2)yeah mah(1) yew you lost something.

2. (1)Nay (2)ngaw (3) m-green(4) m-green(5) (3)Nay (2)ngaw (1)m-green(2) hu(3) don(1) win(2)-(1)m-doh(2) (4)Nay (5) (3)Nay (2)ngaw (1)m-green(2) m-green(3) Yes, I have lost two dollars notes.

3. A. (2)Wun-doh(2), (3) may ah(3) Have you lost your coat yet?